

Upcoming Events

♦ Women's Support Group

Women from polygamous communities meet once a week in Southern Utah to discuss topics such as parenting, family problems, child abuse and domestic violence.

Contact Maureen Crump, (435) 627-2844

They also meet in the Salt Lake City area.
Contact Pat Merkley, (801) 747-2300

♦ Nurturing Families Program

The Dove Center is offering a parenting class for plural families. The program helps build strong families by emphasizing respect, empathy and cooperation.

Contact Lynda Whitlock, (435) 628-1204



♦ Safety Net Meetings

The Safety Net Committee is comprised of representatives from government agencies, non-profit groups and polygamous communities. They meet monthly to ensure plural families have equal access to justice, safety and services. See meeting times below:

- *June 7, 2006, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.*
Clearfield Job Corps, 20 West 1700 South (Antelope Drive), Clearfield, Utah
- *July 7, 2006, 10:00 a.m. – noon*
Mohave County College, Colorado City
- *August 4, 2006, 10:00 a.m. – noon*
DCFS, 277-B East Riverside Drive, St. George

Safe Passage Grant

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Hurricane, UT 84737



Safe Passage

NEWSLETTER

Greetings!

I have the good fortune of introducing a new person with the Safe Passage Grant Program. This program offers free help to domestic violence victims and their children who live in plural families throughout Utah and Arizona.



Maureen Crump is the new Case Manager. She works directly with domestic violence victims and moderates a weekly Women's Support Group.

Maureen is available to help victims find housing, food, transportation and legal services. She can also assist people seeking services navigate through the red tape. Maureen will be a valuable resource to everyone.

You should also know about the new Safety Net Directory, a web-based listing of government agencies, social service providers and non-profit organizations that provide services to polygamous communities in Utah and Arizona and participate in Safety Net efforts. The directory can be found at http://www.azag.gov/victims_rights/polygamy.

I appreciate everyone's willingness to help. I look forward to hearing from you and would like to share your input for the future newsletters.

Sincerely,

John Larsen, Safe Passage Grant Coordinator

Survivors' Success Stories

Safe Passage Case Manager Maureen Crump has been working with a number of women from polygamous communities who have survived domestic violence. She shares some of their words:



"I'm realizing that I am able to work and make it on my own. No man will ever hit me again. I'm going to learn so that no one can beat up on me emotionally."

"I'm not getting hit. I'm not feeling like a dirty worm. I'm not feeling like men are 'everything' and women are 'nothing.'"

"I have a right to be happy. I'm ok. I don't have to be abused. I don't have to hurt forever."

No matter what they have been through, Maureen has found that these women are resilient, resourceful and strong enough to go through life without the fear of being abused.

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness in a descending spiral of destruction."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Resources

The Safe Passage Grant provides the following resources for victims of domestic violence from plural families and their children. There are no other requirements to qualify for assistance. Services are free and information is kept strictly confidential.

Housing Assistance Money is available for transitional housing.

Legal Representation Free legal help is available for divorce and custody issues.

Transportation Shelters and law enforcement can be reimbursed for transporting victims for services. Victims can also get bus passes.

Emergency Housing & Food Victims may be able to stay at a hotel and get groceries if they are not able to stay at a shelter because of safety or space issues.

Domestic Violence Linkline The grant expanded the Domestic Violence Linkline to a 24-hour service (800) 897-LINK.

Victim Advocate & Case Manager Both positions assist victims in finding housing, employment, education, counseling resources and legal help.

Shelter Security The grant provides additional security at the DOVE Center in St. George.

Washington County Sheriff A deputy patrols the Hildale area to provide additional public safety. Contact by cell: (435) 467-1271

Featured Partners

Deputy Matt Fisher with the Washington County Sheriff's Office has been patrolling the Hildale, Utah area for the past year to provide public safety. He is supported by the Safe Passage Grant and so his primary emphasis is to help victims of domestic violence and child abuse—but he is always eager to help anyone in need.



Some of you may have seen Deputy Fisher make routine traffic stops in his large white pickup truck. He says he wants to make sure each person is safe and that people are aware of all of the resources and safety training available from the Washington County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Fisher can be reached on his cell phone at (435) 467-1271.

Safe Passage Contacts

- ◆ Utah Domestic Violence Crisis & Information Line (800) 897-LINK (5465)
- ◆ Safe Talk Helpline (National D.V. Hotline) (866) 9-SAFE-99 or (866) 972-3399
- ◆ Safe Passage Grant Coordinator/Trainer John Larsen, DCFS (435) 627-2843, johnlarsen@utah.gov
- ◆ Safe Passage Case Worker Maureen Crump, DCFS (435) 619-2844, mcrump@utah.gov 330 South 5300 West, Hurricane, UT 84737